

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
VALDOSTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

BRANDON MEREDITH HARDY

: CRIMINAL NO. 7:12-CR-48 (HL)

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

On September 16, 2013, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b), this Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture against Defendant Brandon Meredith Hardy.

Pending now before the Court is the United States' Motion For Final Order of Forfeiture.

The Court hereby makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW:

1. This Court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3231, and venue is proper pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3232 and FED. R. CRIM. P. 18.
2. The United States has furnished due and legal notice of these proceedings as required by law by causing publication of notice of forfeiture and the intent of the United States to dispose of the property in accordance with the law.
3. The notice of forfeiture provided that any persons or entities having or claiming a legal right, title or interest in the property, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, or no later than sixty (60) days from the first day of publication on the official

internet government forfeiture website, *www.forfeiture.gov*, whichever is earlier, must petition the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of his or her alleged interest in the property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 2253.

4. No other persons or entities filed third-party petitions asserting claims or interests in the property subject to forfeiture, and the time for filing such petitions has now expired.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Court's September 16, 2013, Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is final and all right, title, and interest in the following described property is hereby forfeited to and vested in the United States, to be disposed of in accordance with the law, to wit:

- (a) Any visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including but not limited to those visual depictions referred to in Count One of the Indictment;
- (b) One (1) HP Pavilion laptop computer, Serial Number CNF0197XXL, containing a Western Digital WD 250 hard disk drive, Serial Number WXR1A3007241;
- (c) One red Western Digital My Passport external hard disk drive, Serial Number WX81A10W2486; and
- (d) One (1) black and yellow PNY Attache 2 GB thumbdrive.

2. The Court shall retain jurisdiction in the case for the purpose of enforcing this Order, pursuant to FED. R. CRIM. P 32.2(e).

SO ORDERED, this 16th day of December, 2013.

s/Hugh Lawson

HUGH LAWSON, SENIOR JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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